

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 Methods and devices for maintaining a desired therapeutic drug effect over a
prolonged therapy period are provided. In particular, oral dosage forms that
release drug within the gastrointestinal tract at an ascending release rate over
an extended time period are provided. The dosage forms may additionally
comprise an immediate-release dose of drug.

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